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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time of one (1) month from the original response date of November 15, 2003 for responding to the outstanding Office Action in the above-identified patent application. With the extension of time, the period for response now extends up to and includes December 15, 2003. A check for \$110.00 is enclosed herewith.

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